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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/557,907; Filed: April 21, 2000
For: **Methods for Treating Cancer Using
Cytokine-Expressing Polynucleotides**
Inventors: HORTON *et al.*
Our Ref: 1530.0060004/EJH/PAC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

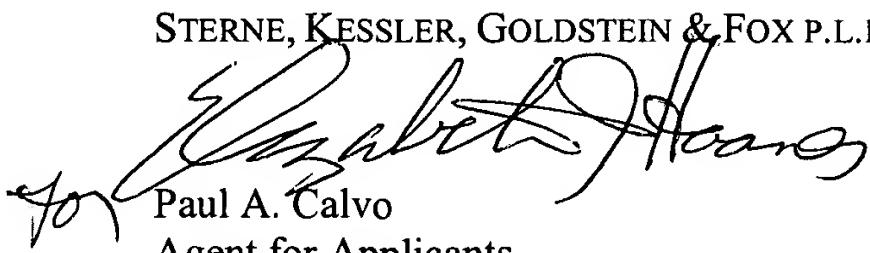
1. Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. §1.121); and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated May 12, 2006, which is a response to Applicants' Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, originally filed on May 3, 2006, and submitted with Applicants' Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on May 8, 2006, Applicants submit the following complete listing of the claims. In accordance with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants are only resubmitting the amendments to the claims section of the Amendment and Reply originally filed on May 3, 2006, which is the only section identified in the Notice requiring correction.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.